

In The Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An energy routing device comprising:

a first energy routing chain of attached links defining a longitudinal direction of the energy routing chain wherein a first end of the energy routing chain is attachable to a fixed location and wherein a second end of the energy routing chain is movable in a longitudinal direction the first energy routing chain having a carrying side and a returning side; and

at least one central appliance movable in the longitudinal direction of the first energy routing chain, the central appliance having an effective connection that is a frictional connection with the carrying side such that the central appliance is moved along solely by the carrying side during the effective connection.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 1 wherein the central appliance comprises rolling elements.

4. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 3, wherein the rolling elements comprise wheels.

5. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 3 wherein the rolling elements comprise rollers.

6. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 3, wherein at least two rolling elements are joined together by a substantially rigid axis.

7. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 3, wherein the rolling elements are formed of plastic material.

8. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 3, and further comprising a truss connected to at least one of the rolling elements.

9. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 8, wherein the truss is formed by a structural member having a first leg and a second leg joined at a right angle to the first leg.

10. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 3 wherein the rolling elements comprise at least one effective connection element for forming an effective connection.

11. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 1 wherein the central appliance is movable on a bottom side of the carrying side.

12. (Currently Amended) An energy routing device comprising:

a first energy routing chain of attached links defining a longitudinal direction of the

energy routing chain wherein a first end of the energy routing chain is attachable

to a fixed location and wherein a second end of the energy routing chain is

movable in a longitudinal direction the first energy routing chain having a

carrying side and a returning side;

at least one central appliance movable in the longitudinal direction of the first energy

routing chain, the central appliance having an effective connection with the

carrying side such that the central appliance is moved along solely by the carrying

side during the effective connection; and

~~The energy routing device of claim 1, and further comprising~~ at least one guiding duct running longitudinally to the energy routing chain.

13. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 12, wherein the guiding duct is formed by a duct profile.

14. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 13, wherein a cross-section of the duct profile is substantially L-shaped.

15. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 1, and further comprising:
at least one return motion unit which can be brought into contact with an inner side of a
curvature area of the energy routing chain.

16. (Currently Amended) The energy routing device according to ~~[[C]]~~claim 15, wherein the return motion unit contacts the inner side at a height equivalent to a center of curvature of the curvature area.

17. (Currently Amended) The energy routing device of claim 15, wherein the return motion unit comprises at least one, ~~preferably tiltable,~~ contact unit.

18. (Currently Amended) An energy routing device comprising:

a first energy routing chain of attached links defining a longitudinal direction of the

energy routing chain wherein a first end of the energy routing chain is attachable

to a fixed location and wherein a second end of the energy routing chain is

movable in a longitudinal direction the first energy routing chain having a

carrying side and a returning side;

at least one central appliance movable in the longitudinal direction of the first energy

routing chain, the central appliance having an effective connection with the

carrying side such that the central appliance is moved along solely by the carrying

side during the effective connection; and

~~The energy routing device of claim 1, and further comprising:~~

a second energy routing chain,

wherein the respective first ends of each energy routing

chain are adjacent to each other;

wherein the respective second ends of each energy routing chain may be

moved together; and

wherein the central appliance is arranged between the first and second

energy routing chains.

19. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 12, and further comprising:

a channel with a floor wherein the floor includes two flanks extending in a substantially

longitudinally horizontal direction to the energy routing chain.

20. (Currently Amended) The energy routing device of claim 19, wherein the channel contains the ~~[[the]]~~ guiding duct.

21. (Currently Amended) The energy routing device of claim 19, wherein the floor is located in a part of the channel opposite to the returning side of the energy routing chain, and wherein the floor is at the same level as ~~[[as]]~~ an upper side of the returning side.

22. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 19, wherein the guiding duct is formed by the flanks.

23. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 13, wherein a cross-section of the duct profile is substantially U-shaped.

24. (Previously Presented) The energy routing device of claim 6 wherein the axis and rolling elements are formed of one piece of plastic.